

Exhibition Workers.

MRS. OKELL.

It is frequently said "The busiest people find the most time," and this certainly applies to Mrs. Okell, who, despite a full working life as Matron of the Bridgwater Infirmary, is always ready to lend a cordial and helping hand to any movement which tends to the advancement of the nursing profession.

During the Nursing Exhibition Mrs. Okell devoted herself with enthusiasm and kindness to the work of welcoming the visitors, and doing her hospitable best to give them most pleasant memories of their visit to St. Martin's Town Hall.

Mrs. Okell was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, afterwards being appointed Assistant Matron to the Dulwich Infirmary, a post which she left to take



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the Matronship of the Bridgwater Infirmary, where she has done admirable work, having brought this Hospital to a very model state of efficiency. The committee have willingly co-operated with Mrs. Okell's desire to progress with the times in Nursing improvements. Since her tenure of office the number of beds has been raised from thirty-one to forty, the staff of three Nurses has been increased to seven, and the term of training extended to three years. Recently a house for the Nurses' Home was given by Mr. F. Thompson, and the executors of his late brother, Mrs. Okell succeeding, by means of a sale of work, in raising the funds for the furnishing of it. Mrs. Okell joined the Royal British Nurses' Association immediately it was founded and has been one of its most loyal supporters. She has served on the General Council and has shown herself devoted to the best interests and welfare of the Corporation. She is also a member of the Matron's Council.

We have no doubt that all the new Nursing appliances shown at the Nursing Exhibition, will speedily find their way into the Bridgwater Infirmary to still further add to the efficiency of that institution. The photograph of Mrs. Okell and her nursing staff created great admiration at the Exhibition, and was taken by Mr. J. C. Hosier, the celebrated photographer at Bridgwater. Each figure was taken separately and afterwards grouped in the most artistic manner. The perfect neatness of each Nurse is characteristic of the organisation of the Institution to which they belong.

MISS MARGARET BREAY.

IN consenting to the request of many of our fellow members of the Royal British Nurses' Association to organise a Nursing Exhibition, we were fortunate enough to secure the hearty co-operation, as



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Secretary, of Miss Margaret Breay, whose wide and practical experience in all branches of her profession, and her devotion to its true interests and progress, are so well known.

Miss Margaret Breay was educated at the Hansworth Ladies' College, Birmingham. During her school career she went in for both Junior and Senior Cambridge Local Examinations, and passed with honours on each occasion. She also passed the College of Preceptors' Examination in the first division of the first class, and gained five distinctions in special subjects. As soon as she was eligible, Miss Breay entered as a Probationer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and at the end of twelve months gained the Clothworkers' Prize, given to the Probationer who is head of the list in the first examination of Probationary Nurses. Miss Breay took her Certificate in May, 1888, and after a few months' rest, during which time she took temporary charge of St. Bartholomew's Trained

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